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In re the Application of:

Eiji TSUCHIYA et al.

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For: AUTOMATIC PLANNING APPARATUS AND COMPUTER PRODUCT

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2002, and having a period for response that will expire on December 11, 2002. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-3 and 9 as follows and add new claims 12-17:

(ONCE AMENDED) An automatic planning apparatus, which automatic planning apparatus is connected through a network to at least one client, which client is operated by the user, said automatic planning apparatus comprising:

a questionnaire unit which creates and provides a questionnaire for analyzing a predetermined property of the user through said network;

an analysis unit which receives the answers to the questionnaire and analyzes the predetermined property of the user based on a predetermined analysis method by considering the answers;

an input unit for inputting the initial conditions required for executing the planning on an event desired by the user; and

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